

Bulgars in the Vardar valley, southwest of Bolofan, won the most important victory won by the British on this sector of the front since the present offensive began.

Greece Seeks War Leader.

Greece's intervention in the war is still being delayed by diplomatic negotiations at Athens. Dispatches from the Greek capital today said that King Constantine has summoned a conference of all political leaders in a new effort to find a prime minister who will guide Greece into war and at the same time unite opposing factions in Greece.

Earlier dispatches said M. Dimitracopoulos has finally refused to accept the premiership. His program, it was said, was not satisfactory to the allied ministers.

Many Prisoners Captured.

The Serbians captured twenty-five cannon and a large number of prisoners. The Bulgarians are still in retreat and fighting is continuing. The exact number of prisoners and the amount of booty taken has not been reported to the allied base at Salongki.

The Serbs won their greatest victory northwest of Lake Ostrovo, where Serbian successes were reported yesterday.

After smashing Bulgarian trenches in the hilly region, the Serbs evidently poured through the breach in the Bulgarian line in force and threw back the defenders in disorderly retreat toward the Greek frontier.

The Anglo-French gains in the Vardar valley were made in the face of the most determined Bulgarian resistance.

BRITISH GAIN MORE THAN MILE ON WEST

Strike Powerful Blow Northwest of Combles.

LONDON, Sept. 15.—British troops resumed their great offensive this morning with a powerful blow against the German lines north of the Somme.

General Haig announced this afternoon that the British advanced more than a mile on the wide front from Boulaux wood, northwest of Combles, to a point north of the Albert-Bapaume road. The attack is continuing and many prisoners already have been taken.

Southeast of Thiepval the British last night captured German trenches on a front of 1,000 yards, including the strong "Wunderwerk" position.

Bulgars Abandon 20 Guns When Pursued by Serbs

SALONIKI, Sept. 15.—Bulgarian troops are falling back on the Greek town of Florina, hotly pursued by the Serbians, who have captured the principal heights of Malakidje. The Serbs have captured twenty guns.

Greek Prisoners Will Be Sent to Germany

BERLIN (via wireless to Sayville), Sept. 15.—Officers of the Fourth Greek Army Corps, which surrendered to the Germans at Kavala, will be accompanied to Germany by their families, the Vossische Zeitung stated today.

Admits Bulgar Retreat.

BERLIN, Sept. 15.—Bulgarian troops have been driven out of their positions at Malkenidze by the Serbians. It was officially admitted this afternoon.

East of the Vardar the English took advanced German trenches, but afterwards were driven out.

BURNING GIRL LEAPS INTO MOTHER'S ARMS

Jumps From Second Story Window With Clothing Afire.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 15.—While the mother of Mary Roggo, five years old, was hanging out clothes in the yard of her home, 1008 Fairhill street, yesterday afternoon, she heard a scream and turned just in time to see her child, her clothing in flames, jump from a second story window.

The mother caught the little figure in her apron and quickly wrapped it in the wet garment she was about to hang on the line. The child was hurried to the Pennsylvania Hospital, but there is little hope for her recovery.

When her mother left her in a room on the second floor of the house, Mary was playing with two candles. It is believed she went downstairs, obtained matches and in playing with the flames ignited her clothing.

THE WEATHER REPORT.

Forecast for District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia—Showers this afternoon; fair and much cooler Saturday; fresh westerly winds.

TEMPERATURES.

(U. S. Bureau.)

9 a. m. 74

10 a. m. 74

11 a. m. 74

12 noon 71

1 p. m. 66

2 p. m. 67

TIDE TABLES.

(U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey.)

High tides... 10:32 a. m., height 2.9

Low tides... 4:40 a. m., height 0.4

4:58 p. m., height 0.3

SUN AND MOON TABLES.

Sun rises... 5:48 | Sun sets... 6:19

Moon rises... 8:36 p. m. | Moon sets... 10:06 a. m.

Light automobile lamps at 6:48 p. m.

DEATHS

(Too Late To Classify.)

BUCKINGHAM—On September 14, 1916, at 2:30 p. m., son of John H. and Alice Burns

Buckingham, at their residence, Ridge, Md., aged two years and four months.

Funeral service, residence, Saturday, September 16, at 2 p. m. Interment at Glenwood Cemetery.

FRUMMER—On September 12, 1916, CHAR-

LOTTE, beloved daughter of Charles and

Rosanna Frummer, aged nine years.

Funeral from H. M. Padgett's undertak-

ers, 720 Eleventh street, southeast, Sat-

urday, September 16, at 10 a. m. Inter-

ment Congressional Cemetery.

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IMPERILS A FAMILY

Charge Pierces Armor Plate and Sand Bank, Then Cuts Through House.

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naughts of the American navy. Its performance at its initial test exceeded anything that its designers had imagined.

Through armor plate of the thick-

est and toughest type known,

through a sand bank as large as the

ordinary hill, the huge shell tore

with destructive fury.

And even then its power was not

spent. Deflected only slightly from

its course, the enormous monster of

destruction weighing considerably

more than a ton, hurtled upward

through the air and plunged down-

ward at an angle of 45 degrees

through the walls of the Swann

home.

Naval officers in charge of the

proving grounds, while deeply con-

cerned over the narrow escape of Mrs.

Swann and her children, are never-

theless tremendously proud of the

showing made by the gun.

The ease with which the shell tore

through the armor plate, which was

as thick as the thickest known armor

on battleships, proves conclusively

the ballistic experts, that with

guns of this type—eight to a ship—

the new dreadnaughts of the

American navy will be invincible en-

gines of destruction.

Largest Gun of Type.

Heretofore the largest known naval

guns have been the fifteen-inch type,

such as the Queen Elizabeth, of the

British navy, is equipped with. The lat-

est American dreadnaughts now in com-

mission are equipped with fourteen-inch

guns.

Since the accident to the Swann home

—the first of its kind since the proving

grounds were established at Indian

Head—the sixteen-inch gun has been

used several times.

While every subsequent test only

has added to the power of the

enormous weapon, there have been no

further accidents.

It is not the first time, say officials

at Indian Head, that shells fired from

guns tested have pierced armor plate or

ricocheted wide of the mark. Several

times they have missed the target and

gone plunging deep into the mud flats

outside the Government reservation.

Never before, however, has a shell

penetrated the armor, as it did in the

case of the sixteen-inch gun. In this

instance the gun had been set

up in what is known as the "Valley."

At a short distance away a section of

extremely thick armor plate, such as

that used to protect the most vital parts

of a battleship, including the magazine,

had been erected.

Behind this the workmen of the plant

had piled up a huge bank of sand, it

being thought that even if the shell

penetrated the armor, it would be

caught in the sand bank.

Mrs. Swann now is taking a calm

and philosophical view of the prowess

of the guns at the proving station, but

was by no means so phlegmatic the

afternoon of the firing, according to

her statement.

"It is the Lord's mercy that I and

my family are not lying in the grave dead right now," she said. "If it had come two minutes sooner it would have been so. I didn't know what had happened. I was in the dining room, and the horrible noise came. I thought we were all killed, and ran to the front porch. I was so excited and broken for about an hour that I didn't know what to do."

Glady's Swann, eighteen, her daughter, also was in the house at the time the shell tore through its walls like they were paper. She had been in the dining room, and was starting to open the door to the kitchen when the crash came.

Rushing in, after a few minutes, she discovered that it was a shell that had created the havoc. She went outside and touched it, and found that it was at an intense heat. Then she called the proving station, and a doctor hurried down to the Swann place at once. He found, much to his relief, that no one was injured.

New Child's Hobby Horse.

Today little Esau Swann, but four years old, has made a hobby horse out of the engine of death, and clambors on its cold sides with great glee. The mother looks out at her beaming, at the thought that she is able to do so.

"If the composition of the armor had been the slightest degree different, it might have sent the shell through the dining room where the Swanns were, instead of through the empty kitchen," stated an artillery expert today. "It is really the most miraculous luck that the entire house was not shattered."

The house seems far from shattered, however. It is a two-story frame building, with an outlook on the Potomac broad expanse. One looking at it from the road cannot tell that it was even touched by a shell, although a gaping hole in its north side shows where the shell entered. A few panes within the two feet are unbroken.

The impact evidently was of slight extentive value, but vigorous intensively, as it went through two walls, but left the window panes intact.

It is thought by the experts that this may mean that such a shell, in a naval battle would go straight through to the vitals of the ship, and not spend its force on the armor designed to intercept it. This is an important advance in artillery design and shell construction, it is understood, and may operate to give the United States incalculable advantage in naval operations.

Swann, who helped fire the shot, is "rigger" at the proving plant, and as such has charge of a gang which aids in the placing of the guns to be tested. It is understood that but a small charge was used in firing the shot, and that this is thought significant, as well as the roof of the armor piercing qualities of the 16-inch gun.

The projectile weighed 3,100 pounds. With a full charge behind it, it could have pierced "from five to ten inches" of armor-plate at a distance of 20,000 yards. For battle purposes such shells contain a dozen pounds of high explosives timed to let go after the shell has bored its way into a ship's vitals.

Suicide Report Her First News of Husband

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Sept. 15.—For the first time in five years, Mrs. Marie Patrick, of New York city, yesterday became aware of her husband's whereabouts when she read in the newspapers that he had committed suicide in a cheap lodging house because of despondency over ill health.

For the last year Patrick had made his living by pushing rolling chairs. Mrs. Patrick was here with her ten-year-old daughter recently.

PICK FIELD MEN FOR ASSESSMENT WORK

Commissioners Promote Four and Appoint One for New District Berths.

Twenty-nine promotions and appointments were made by the Commissioners today in the office of the Assessor.

The positions of field men at \$2,000 a year, created by the new District appropriation bill, were filled by the promotion of Livingston S. Johnson, assistant secretary to the Board of Commissioners and acting secretary to Commissioner Brownlow; John T. Hardoff, record clerk in the Assessor's office; Frank A. Gunther, personal tax appraiser; C. H. Stone, clerk in the office of the Collector of Taxes, and the appointment of R. C. Drum-Hunt.

The clerical promotions and appointments are as follows:

W. G. McCarthy, clerk at \$1,200 per annum at the Washington Asylum Jail, as record clerk at \$2,200.

Fred D. Allen now employed at the District workhouse, as record clerk at \$1,600 per annum.

Daniel H. Edwards, clerk to the Personal Tax Board at \$1,600 per annum, as personal tax appraiser at \$1,200.

A. L. Cheney, license clerk at \$1,200, as clerk at \$1,400.

Roger Williams, clerk at \$1,200, as clerk at \$1,300.

Kathryn C. Berry, clerk at \$1,000, as clerk at \$1,200.

William W. Dent, clerk at \$800, as clerk at \$1,000.

Leslie S. Williams, telephone operator in the Police Department at \$720, as clerk at \$800.

D. W. Fleming, clerk at \$1,500, as clerk at \$1,200.

L. O. Mallory as clerk at \$1,000.

Augustus Willige, clerk at \$800, as clerk at \$1,000.

Grace L. Schooler, clerk at \$750, as clerk at \$800.

Clara Bantleman, clerk at \$300 per diem, as clerk at \$750.

Harriet W. Davidson, clerk at \$300 per diem, vice Schooler.

Robert J. Jones, clerk at \$1,400, as record clerk at \$1,600.

Gilmora D. Holmes, clerk at \$1,200, as clerk at \$1,400.

Adelaide E. Grant, clerk at \$1,000, as clerk at \$1,200, vice Holmes.

Mary C. Fitzgerald, clerk at \$900, as clerk at \$1,000.

David M. Cridler, clerk at \$720, as clerk at \$800.

D. R. Pettyjohn, clerk at \$200 per diem, as clerk at \$720.

Florence E. Hickerson, clerk at \$720, in the office of the corporation counsel, as stenographer and typewriter, at \$1,200.

Georgiana C. Locke, clerk in the playgrounds department at \$500 per annum, as stenographer and typewriter, at \$1,200.

Mortimer Clarke, draftsman, at \$1,200, as draftsman, at \$1,600.

L. G. Bouscaren, draftsman in the Surveyor's Office, at \$775, as draftsman, at \$1,200.

The changes become effective tomorrow.

Roumanian Heiress Wants To Become a War Aviator

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 15.—Her pleasure trip to Japan interrupted by the news that her country had entered the European war, Miss Helene Caragiani, beautiful and wealthy daughter of a noted physician of Roumania, announced that she would immediately organize a Roumanian relief committee in this city and would then leave at once for home to offer her services as pilot of a military aeroplane to her king and country.

"I have an amateur's license as an aviator," said Miss Caragiani, "and nothing would please me more than to take up military flying. If my country will not accept my services in its flying corps, I shall enter Red Cross work."

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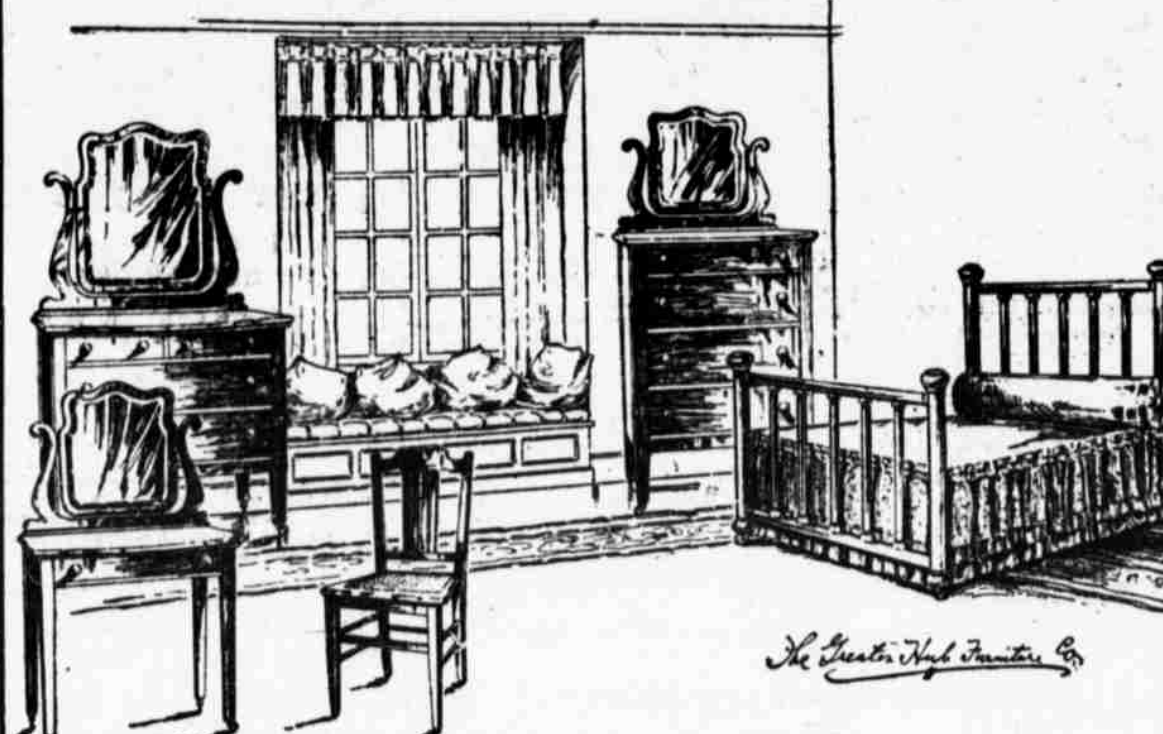
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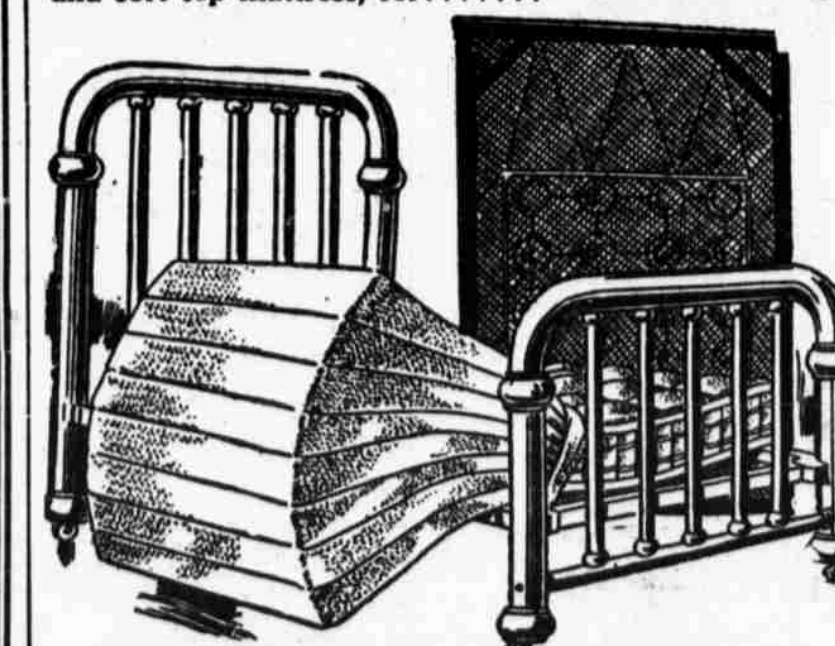
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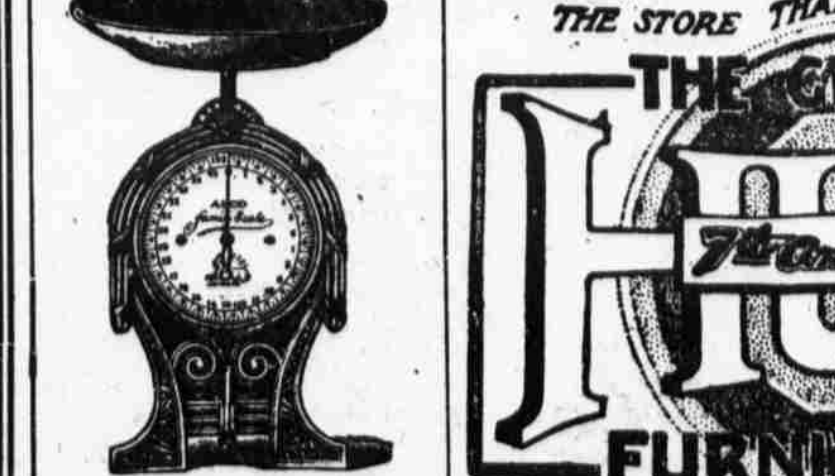
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